



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 30, 1999

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Phyllis Kim Doom
603 N. Kerth Avenue
Evansville, IN 47711-5203

RE: MUR 4902

Dear Ms. Doom:

On June 14, 1999, the Federal Election Commission received your complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against the respondents. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on July 26, 1999. This matter will become part of the public record within 30 days.

The Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "F. Andrew Turley", is written over a horizontal line.

F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

Attachment
Narrative

MUR 4902
BOB OSSENBERG

Phyllis Kim Doom alleges that Bob Ossenberg made a \$1,000 contribution to the Dan Quayle presidential committee in his wife's name without her knowledge or consent. The complaint is based on an article in the *Evansville (IN) Courier & Press*, which reported that Mr. Ossenberg had written two checks for \$1,000 each, one from him and one from his wife, and quoted him as saying about the checks: "My wife didn't know it because I didn't tell her."

In his response, co-signed by Mrs. Myra Ossenberg, Mr. Ossenberg admits that he obtained two cashier's checks for \$1,000 each, using funds drawn from his individual account, for contributions to Quayle 2000 in his name and his wife's name. Mr. Ossenberg states, and his wife concurs, that Mrs. Ossenberg agreed to the contribution to Quayle 2000 made in her name.

In response to the complaint, Quayle 2000 confirms that it received two \$1,000 cashier's checks in the names of Robert and Myra Glenda Ossenberg. The Committee advises that it sent a letter to the Ossensbergs requesting additional information and verification of the contribution attribution; no response was received. The Committee relates that Mr. Ossenberg requested a refund of the amount attributed to Myra Ossenberg. On that same day, the Committee issued the \$1,000 refund.

This matter involves an insubstantial amount of money, and there appears to be no indication of any serious intent to violate the FECA. This matter is less significant relative to other matters pending before the Commission.